### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEACHER PREPARATION POLICY STUDY GROUP

#### MICHIGAN'S TEACHER CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

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#### TEACHER CERTIFICATION POLICY MAP **Unites State Congress** NCLB (2001) **Highly Qualified Teachers** State Law Michigan School Code Tenure Act o Certificate as property right assures due process State Aid Act o Prescribe penalties for non-compliance **State Board of Education** Superintendent of Public Broad policy approval of: Instruction Institutions Administrative Rules Programs Overall administration of day-to-day operations • Standards Office of Professional Preparation Services • Develop rules, and standards for approval by Superintendent or SBE Implementation Dissemination Monitoring & Compliance

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) ACT OF 2001

- Requires teachers to be highly qualified (HQ) for any core academic subject to which they are assigned to teach.
- Core academic subjects: English, Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Foreign Languages, Civics and Government, Economics, Arts, History, and Geography
- HQ means:
  - Hold at least a BA degree with a major in the content
  - Holds full state certification/licensure or
  - Has demonstrated competency in the content by passage of a rigorous state test, or holds National Board Certification in the content, or has completed a high objective uniform state standard of evaluation (HOUSSE) option

#### MICHIGAN SCHOOL CODE

- Requires all teachers to be appropriately certificated for the grade level and subject area assigned to teach
- Relevant sections:
  - Section 1230: Criminal History Checks
  - Section 1230a: FBI Fingerprinting (School Safety)
  - Section 1233: Certification Requirements
  - Section 1233b: Non-certificated Teachers
  - Section 1246: Administrator Continuing Education
  - Section 1526: New Teacher Induction and Mentoring
  - Section 1527: Five Days of PD for All Teachers
  - Section 1531: Teacher Testing (MTTC)
  - Section 1535a: Revocation/Suspension Hearings and Due Process

### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GOVERNING CERTIFICATION OF MICHIGAN TEACHERS

- General and specific requirements for the Provisional (initial) and Professional (advanced) certificates
- General Education requirements:
  - 40 semester hours of general or liberal education
  - 20 hours of theoretical and practical knowledge in the following:
    - How human beings grow and how they learn
    - The structure, function, and purposes of educational institutions in our society
    - The methods and materials of instruction
    - 6 semester hours in directed teaching

### ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GOVERNING CERTIFICATION OF MICHIGAN TEACHERS (continued)

- Secondary Provisional: completion of an academic major and minor, 3 hours of reading in the content, CPR course
  - Valid for teaching subject area endorsements (major, minor) in grades 6-12
- Elementary Provisional: completion of a major, and a 20 hour planned program; or three 20 hour minors, 6 hours of teaching of reading, CPR course
  - Valid for teaching all subjects in grades K-5, subject area endorsements in grades 6-8, and all subjects in grades K-8 in a selfcontained classroom (majority of the instruction is provided by 1 teacher)
- Professional Education Certificate (Advanced Certification):
  - Completion of an 18 semester hour planned program that includes an additional 3 semester credit hours of diagnostic reading instruction
  - 3 years of successful teaching experience